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AAA DIVISION

CARVER CONNECTION

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FACILITY HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Monday-Friday 2:00 PM-9:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

Sunday Closed

Evenings and Weekends Available for Rental-Call 571-258-3400

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55 & Up

Community Center

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Recycling Presentation

Wednesday, May 6th, 11:00-12:00

(Ages 55 & up) RecTrac # 330666-01

Join Tony Hayes, Recycling Specialist from Loudoun County Division of Waste Management, who will educate and reinforce the need to recycle, how to recycle and how to make this an easy process to save the environment!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Supper Club

Join us for dinner at Houlihan's in Winchester on Thursday, May 14th leaving Carver at 4:00 p.m. and returning at 8:00 p.m.

Transportation is \$6.00 and dinner and tip is on your own.

Sign up with RecTrac #330725-03 or in person.

Lunch Bunch

This month's Lunch Bunch will take us to Red Lobster in Winchester from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20th.

Transportation is \$4.00 and lunch and tip is on your own.

Sign up with RecTrac #330605-05 or in person.



Monthly Movie Matinee - The Hundred Foot Journey Friday, May 1st 12:30-2:30 (Ages 55 & up) RecTrac # 330645-03

Relocating from India to a quiet village in the south of France, chef Hassan Kadam and his family open a restaurant called Maison Mumbai. But when their business starts to thrive, a competing restaurateur launches a war between the eateries.

(Excerpt from Netflix). \$1.00 for movie, popcorn and water.

This movie will also be screened on

Monthly Movie Night, Thursday, May 7th 6:30-8:30 (Ages 13 & up) RecTrac #330703-03.

\$3.00 for movie, popcorn and water, \$1.00 for seniors.

Ken's Excursion

Wednesday, May 13th 12:00-2:30 (Ages 55 & up) RecTrac #330612-01

Join Ken on the first of his Summer Excursions to the State Arboretum at Blandy Experimental Farm.

Enjoy a guided tour of this lovely facility covering 170 acres.

Lunch for those going on the excursion will be served at 11:15 a.m.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Senior Citizen Prom
Friday, May 1st 5:00-7:00 p.m.



(Ages 55 & up) RecTrac #330659-01, 02

HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL SCA SENIOR CITIZENS' PROM

Harmony Middle School SCA (Student Council Association) in Hamilton, is sponsoring a Senior Citizens' Prom JUST for the seniors from Carver Center.

Please save the date now on your calendar for Friday, May 1, 2015, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to be held at Harmony Middle School.

The theme will be a Fairytale Prom so feel free to dress in your fancy attire and dress to impress! Come for some fun and dancing with SCA members that evening.

No fee. Food, drink, door prizes and dancing at its best that evening.

Please sign up with RecTrac # 330659-01 for bus transportation to this event, **and also if you need transportation home afterwards.**

If you wish to drive yourself, please sign up with RecTrac # 330659-02.



Mothers' Day Dance
Friday, May 8th 1:00-3:00, \$3.00
(Ages 55 & up)
RecTrac # 330639-01



Your mother would want you to come dance with us! Celebrate the joy of motherhood with music provided by Sky Dantine and lots of movement in Carver's Grand Hall.



Strawberry Picking at Wegmeyer Farm
Tuesday, May 19th, 10:30-Noon
(Ages 55 & up) RecTrac #330665-01



Join us for a ride out to Wegmeyer Farm in Lincoln to pick your own strawberries! The farm is offering Carver members a 25% discount on all strawberries picked! Don't want to pick your own? Then sign up anyway and enjoy a lovely morning down on the farm, sit at the picnic tables and marvel at the view and the fresh air! Strawberries are \$3.99 per pound before discount.

The farm is walker accessible but has uneven ground.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Classes for Ages 55 & up

Introduction to Watercolor

Started on Wednesday, April 22nd and will run through May 27th

12:30-2:00 RecTrac # 330660-01

Participants will learn the basics of watercolor painting in a fun and supportive environment. All supplies will be provided.

Fee \$20 and will be pro-rated if you sign up in May. Instructor: Alice Power.

using their own materials. Fee equates to \$6.00 per class when pro-rated.

Instructor: Alice Power.

Qigong

RecTrac # 330634-03

Will now run **three** times a week with a new session on Mondays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. This class also meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Watercolor Phase Two

Started on Monday, April 20th and will run through May 18th

10:00-11:45 RecTrac #330661-01

A class for students who have a basic understanding of working with watercolors and are ready for additional challenges

Tai Chi for 55 & up

RecTrac # 330647-01

Tuesdays 9:30-10:30

Slow-motion routines practiced in a group to promote strength, balance and flexibility. Instructor: Trudy Weaver.

Activities

Please note:

Activities marked with a * on the calendar page require minimum participation to run. Please pre-register by calling the center at 571-258-3400.

Remember, training on Carver's fitness room equipment is available with Glenn.

Call 571-258-3400 for an appointment.



e-Comment

Every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 you have the opportunity to leave comments for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, in advance of their monthly meetings by using the Carver iPad. This is very easy to do! However, if you want assistance in this, Carver member Matthew Galleli has offered to walk you through the simple process during this timeframe.

Make sure your voice is heard! It's not hard! Thank you Matthew for offering your help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coupon Exchange Now in Place

Following a request made during our most recent Town Hall Meeting, a station has been set up for dropping off and/or picking up grocery store coupons. The coupons are organized into category-specific folders and are currently residing on a small table that holds the snacks at the left entrance to the Grand Hall.

If you use coupons currently, you know that keeping them organized and up to date can be a challenge. We therefore request that coupons be:

For grocery items only
Neatly trimmed
Date checked

We are looking for a few volunteers who might be willing to check through the coupons on a regular basis and discard any outdated items, while generally tidying things up and keeping the display attractive. If this idea appeals to you, please see Jennifer Lumley, Carver Center Assistant Manager.



Carnival with MacKenzie

Friday, May 29th, 11:00-12:00

(Ages 55 & up) RecTrac # 330667-01



Join MacKenzie for what promises to be an hour of fun as she leads you through carnival games and activities!



Looking Ahead

Upcoming events at Carver Center
Be sure to mark your calendars!

June 3rd	Carver Drama Group presents The Man in Seat 24
June 19th	Fathers' Day Excursion
July 2nd	Independence Day Celebration with animal exhibits

MAY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div> <p>Carver Advisory Board's Spring Bazaar will be held Saturday, May 16th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> </div>	<div> <p>Don't forget that on the second Thursday of each month, Carver members are bringing in donations of non-perishable food for area food banks. (May 14 this month.)</p> </div>			1 10:15-10:45 Wii Clinic 10:15-11:15 Qigong 10:30-1:00 Chronic Disease Self-Management 10:45-11:45 Bingo (\$.50/card) 11:00-12:00 Ping Pong 12:30-2:30 Monthly Movie Matinee \$1 12:30-2:00 Trip to Local Grocery Store 12:30-2:00 Knitting Club 1:00-1:45 Fitness for 55 & Up (paid class) 5:00-7:00 Senior Prom
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55 & UP CALENDAR

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SPECIAL EVENTS SUMMARY



Event descriptions below that are printed in ***bold italic*** typeface, are open to all adults 18 or older. Those in regular typeface are restricted to adults who are 55 & Up.

- May 1st** 12:30-2:30 Monthly Movie Matinee \$1.00
5:00-7:00 Senior Prom at Harmony Middle School
- May 4th** 10:30-12:00 Monthly Haircuts
- May 5th** ***10:30-11:30 Blue Ridge Speech and Hearing***
10:30-12:00 Carver Center Advisory Board Meeting
- May 6th** 11:00-12:00 Recycling Presentation
- May 7th** 12:30-2:00 Trip to local grocery store (instead of May 8th)
6:30-8:30 Monthly Movie Night \$3.00 (\$1.00 seniors)
- May 8th** 1:00-3:00 Mothers' Day Dance \$3.00
- May 12th** ***10:00-11:30 Hearing Help with Joan Cassidy***
7:15-8:30 Jerry's Jukebox
- May 13th** 11:00-12:00 Library Outreach
12:00-2:30 Ken's Excursion
- May 14th** ***Food Bank Donation Day***
10:00-12:00 Blood Pressure Checks
4:00-8:00 Supper Club to Houlihan's, Winchester
- May 16th** ***8:00-2:00 SATURDAY Carver Advisory Board Yard Sale***
- May 19th** 10:30-12:00 Strawberry Picking at Wegmeyer Farm
- May 20th** 11:00-2:00 Lunch Bunch to Red Lobster, Winchester
- May 21st** 12:15 Birthday Party for this month's birthdays
- May 26th** ***7:15-8:30 Jerry's Jukebox***
- May 27th** 10:30-12:00 Book Club
12:45-2:00 Afternoon Tea
- May 28th** ***10:00-12:00 Blood Pressure Checks***
- May 29th** 11:00-12:00 Carnival with MacKenzie

e-Comment

Available every Thursday from 10:30-12:00

Help is only a phone call away...

Senior Outreach Services. Meet with Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging Elder Case Manager, Kathy Kehoe, for confidential supportive assistance linking you to services and supports in the community. Twice monthly. Call Kathy at 703-737-8741 to make your appointment or sign up at Carver.

NEWS



BUZZ AROUND TOWN

WHAT IS GOING ON IN CARVER'S GRAND HALL?

At last, the Grand Hall at Carver will finally be a true "Grand Hall". Since the very beginning in 2007, we have used the name Grand Hall for this delightfully spacious room, but unfortunately, the only truly "grand" thing about it is its size and the beautiful burgundy stage curtains. All other aspects have been relatively plain.

I know that when this fine old building was a school, the "auditorium" was just that—a wide open space, designed for children and used for programs and possibly lunch, but now it is so much more to the community of old and young alike. As I understand it, this room, as was the entire building, was a source of pride and children were taught to respect the floors, walls, woodwork, etc. Vacated in pristine condition in 1970, so much damage was done in the intervening years before the inception of Carver Center and the restoration of an intricate part of Purcellville's history.

Originally, our now storage room was the main kitchen and our versatile commercial kitchen was actually a classroom. Many things have changed since Carver was built in 1948, used ruthlessly as a warehouse, then redone and reopened for community use. Unfortunately, in it's reconstruction, plans were geared more toward "restoration" than the yet unknown diversity of activity that would be taking place in our revitalized building, therefore, many of the original furnishings have had to be switched out for more versatile items. Many unanticipated

repairs are now required, such as the, yet to come, daunting project of refinishing the wood floors throughout the building and layering them with heavy protection designed for extreme use, wear and tear while still maintaining the beauty and quality of the wood.

Somewhat less daunting and more readily attainable is the beautifying of our prized Grand Hall. Now, after 8 years, the dream of what our Grand Hall could actually be has come to fruition; classic drapery valences throughout the Hall, as well as wooden blinds on doors to add a warm elegance.

We must make this transformation in piecemeal fashion due to the ultimate cost involved, however, the end result should create an atmosphere conducive to those seeking an elegant location for their weddings, parties and special events, not only giving us excellent exposure, but an increase to the use of our space for rentals. However, the most important part, to those of us who love this wonderful building, adding the valences and blinds will further preserve the dignity that will carry Carver from it's glorious past into a diverse and vital community cornerstone of the future.

Home-delivered meal volunteers are our greatest need on a continual basis, even if you only have one hour per month. We have four routes that need delivering five days per week, every month. If you drive, and would like to do something really worthwhile, please offer your assistance come into Carver and pick up the Volunteer Packet from our in-house Volunteer Coordinator, Beth Mills.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



RECYCLING CARVER GOIN' GREEN!

Thanks to the innovative thinking of Beth Mills, Carver's Food Service/Congregate Meal Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator, we are taking a step forward at Carver and moving into the world of "RECYCLING".

Those of you who attend Carver during the lunch hour have already had a taste of the recycling efforts. In March Beth "tested the waters" to see how a program of this nature would go over and we are very pleased to announce that it was a huge success!

As with any long-term sustainable venture, details had to be worked out and a viable plan put in place, now that having been done—we are ready to forge ahead with GUSTO, and each of you will play an integrate part in how well we stand as a Center, in our quest for a better environment.

We will be starting at lunch; if you are like me, you don't know everything about recycling—what you can and can't, however, not to worry because we will have trained staff and volunteers on hand to assist you every step of the way,



First we will provide clearly marked containers. One will say "GARBAGE" and the other will be a blue can with the Recycle Symbol. We will also have a bucket at the Recycle area to pour liquids before recycling cups.

- We will no longer provide Styrofoam products for lunch and/or refreshment service.

- A poster with recycle items listed and a visual board will be in the area for your reference.
- Staff and volunteers will be in attendance at the Recycle area to assist you with where to put different items.
- The acceptable Landfill recycle items will be monitored so as things may change with what is recycled in the County, we can make adjustments accordingly.
- Recycle bag (s) will be transported to the Recycle Center in Hamilton
- There will be a scheduled presentation at Carver from a Recycle Center Professional who will be able to explain and answer any questions or concerns you may have.
- Our step forward will be publicized in the Purcellville Gazette, Carver Corner.
- Loudoun County Recycle Center phone number and website will be made available to you for reference

- **Some of our "lunch time" identified NON-RECYCLEABLES are:**

Plastic Aprons
Styrofoam
Plastic covering silverware packets
Gloves
Plates that are saturated with food
Condiment packets

- **Some OF OUR LUNCHTIME Items that MAY BE RECYCLED are:**

Plates that are "dry"
Hot and/or cold cups
Plastic silverware
Aluminum foil and aluminum disposable pans

Process may be improved upon and/or expanded as we go along, but KUDOS to Beth Mills and her enlisted volunteers, for a great idea and a good start toward something of which we can all be VERY PROUD!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I Remember...

By Carol Hough

What do you think of when you think of "Mother"? The old song says:



1915, Music by Theodore Morse, Lyrics by Howard Johnson

M is for the **Many things** she gave me,
O is only that she's growing **Old**.
T is for the **Tears** she shed to save me,
H is for her **Heart** of purest gold,
E is for her **Eyes** with love light shining,
R means **Right** and **Right** she'll always be.

Put them all together they spell **MOTHER**,
 A word that means the world to me.

One of the things I think of is actually that song! My mother used to sing many of the old songs as she busied herself around the house. Unlike me, she had a beautiful voice, and hearing her sing is one of my fondest memories. It gave one a sense that all was right with the world, safe and secure.

My mother was a stay-at-home mom until I entered Jr. High (Middle school), and she went back to teaching, so there was a fine structure and order to our daily lives.

Monday was laundry, starching my dad's shirt collars and cuffs by hand and hanging clothes on the clothesline between the two lilac bushes. When the clothes were dry, those that needed ironing (which were practically all of them) were sprinkled with water from a Pepsi bottle with a cork sprinkler on top (they made them to fit soda bottles because EVERYBODY sprinkled clothes!) After they were sprinkled, she would roll them up, put them in a plastic bag and stick them in the refrigerator.

Tuesday was ironing day. Most of the day was spent ironing—wrinkle free didn't exist except what the wind offered while drying.

Wednesday was grocery day. If she had \$20 in her purse for groceries (4 people for a week) we would be able to get a milkshake at Peoples Drug fountain next to the Giant, if she only had \$15 there was no point in asking!

Thursday was the day she cleaned the upstairs; **Friday** was the day she cleaned the downstairs.

Saturday we cleaned the basement, family room etc. and worked in the yard. She had an incredible green thumb—beautiful flower beds and roses that bloomed right on queue for Memorial day's big trip to the cemetery. My job was usually digging dandelions and washing the dog - UGH!

Sunday of course was reserved for church, a big dinner and a Sunday drive either to nowhere in particular, or to visit my grandmother with the big front porch.

What do I think of besides a song? I think of cleanliness and order, bread and milk deliveries, trips to the Southeast Market to get vegetables for canning; moms talking over backyards filled with hollyhocks, hydrangeas, lilacs and roses; watching the ducks, Waddles and Puddleduck, as she moved their enclosure around the yard to find the best patch of chickweed, calling "Come on boys" followed by their intense quacking as they waddled after her; the kitchen table and chairs she painted grey with red, green and yellow polka dots; the freshness of just washed summer curtains on stretchers and warmth of winter drapes, sheltering against the cold; Easter with the Mother/Daughter hats and jumpers she sewed and homemade doughnuts; and I remember her years of unbridled sacrifice when my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, then the grief in my heart when she left me one Friday afternoon in September. 92 years of a life well lived, but more importantly, a life well shared—what do I remember when I hear the word "Mother", I remember **Love**.

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PURCELLVILLE VA 20132
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PERMIT NO. 15



CARVER ADVISORY BOARD

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 5th at 10:30 A.M.

President: Lyn Harvey

Vice President: Matthew Gallelli

Treasurer: Caroline Bales

Secretary: Maureen Skahan

Please join us for the Advisory Board's third annual SPRING BAZAAR to be held May 16. Radio station 92.5 WINC FM will be broadcasting live from our Center, on May 16 from 9 to 11 AM.

MAY SPRING CLEANING! A great time to donate items to the popular FIFTY CENT sale to be held Saturday, May 16.

The Advisory Board has accepted the resignation of Reenie Huffman and thank her for the time she was able to give us.

As of this date the Officer Candidates for the 2015-2016 term are: Matthew Gallelli for President, Clair Sixma for Vice President, Myrtle Mahowald for Vice President, Maureen Skahan for Secretary, Treasurer open. Anyone over the age of eighteen wishing to run for an office must either be a current board member, or must make an application to be one prior to the election. Candidates may sign up on the Candidates' Board as you enter the Center. Deadline for sign up is Friday May 22, 2015.

Lyn Harvey, President
Carver Advisory Board

Little Yellow Gift Shop Hours

Tues
10:00-12:00
Thurs.
10:00-1:00



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